(a) whether it is a fact that several foreign industries have shown keen interest to set up specialised cargo handling berths, container terminals and oi! jetties;

(b) if so. the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have examined those proposals; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (d) Guidelines for private sector participation in the port sector have been issued in October, 1996. Guidelines allow participation by companies with foreign equity participation. Automatic approval is available for companies proposing to have upto 74% foreign equity and foreign investment beyond 74% needs FIPB approval. Foreign investors can participate in the open competitive tenders invited by various ports for private investment in port facilities. Proposals received from private investors including companies with foreign equity participation will be considered on merits in accordance with the Guidelines. The Government has recently approved the award of the licence for the construction and operation of a Two-berth Container Terminal at Jawaharlal Nehra Port in favour of a consortium consisting of P&O Ports, Australia, (Consortium Perkapalan Berhad (Malaysia), DBC Port Management Private Limited India.

Foreign Nationals Overstaying in Gujarat

*167. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a good number of people sneak into Gujarat from across the Indo-pak border and equally a good number of foreign nationals are overstaying in the State after the expiry of their visas;

(b) whether Government have assessed the number of such illegal persons staying in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to identify and deport such illegal persons from the State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJ1T GUPTA): (a) to (d) Some persons do sneak into Gujarat from across the Indo-Pak border. According to information available, 210 persons were intercepted while crossing the border into Gujarat during the year 1996. 1053 foreign nationals were over-staying in Gujarat, as on 31.12.1996, after the expiry of their visas, of these, 584 were Pak nationals.

The Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920 prohibits persons from entering into India without valid travel documents. The foreigners Act, 1946 prohibits foreigners from staying and moving unauthorisedly in the country. The powers under these Acts have been entrusted to the State Government/UT Administrations. The Central Government has also been issuing instructions, from time to time, stressing upon the State Government/UT Administrations to launch special drives to detect and deport foreigners who have entered into and/or are staying in India unauthorisedly. Other measures taken by the Central Government to prevent infiltration from across the Indo-pak border include, *inter alia,* intensification of patrolling by the Border Security Force and strengthening of its water wing and construction of border roads and fencing.

(क) से (घ) भारत-पाक सीमा से कुछ व्यक्ति गुजरात में घुस आते हैं । उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार वर्ष 1996 में दौरान सीमा पार करके गुजरात में प्रवेश करते हुए 210 व्यक्तियों को पकड़ा गया । 31.12.1996 की स्थिति के अनुसार 1053 विदेशी राष्ट्रिक अपनी वीसा अवधि पूरी हो जाने पर भी निर्धारित अवधि से अधिक समय तक गुजरात में ठहरे हुए थे । इनमें से 584 पाक राष्ट्रिक थे ।

पारपत्र (भारत में प्रवेश) अधिनियम 1920 द्वारा वैध यात्रा दस्तावेजों केबिना किसी व्यक्ति का भारत में प्रवेश

की निषिद्ध किया गया हैं । विदेशी राष्ट्रि अधिनियम 1964, में विदेशियों के अनधिकृत रूप से भारत में ठहरे रहने और आने-जाने का निषेध हैं । इन अधिनियमों के अन्तर्गत प्रदत्त शक्तियां राज्या सरकारों/संध शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों को सौंप दी गयी हैं । केन्द्र सरकार भी समय-समय पर निर्देश जारी करती रही हैं, जिनमें उन विदेशियों कापता लगाने और उन्हें वापस भेजने पर जोर दिया गया हैं जो अनधिकृत रूप से भारत में आए और यहां ठहरे हुए हैं । भारत-पाक सीमा से होकर की जाने वाली घुसपैठ को रोकने के लिए केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा उठाए गए अन्य कदमों में अन्य के साथ-साथ सम्मिलित हैं :-

सीमा सुरक्षा बल द्वारा गश्त बढ़ाना और इसकी वाटर विंग को सुदृढ़ करना तथा सीमा/सड़कों एवं बाड़ का निर्माण करना ।

Offer from Private Parties for Four-Lane National Highways

*168. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any offers from private parties in its move to four-lane 14,000 Kms. of Nation al highways; if so, the names of such parties and the details of offer made;

(b) whether Government propose to exercise control over such parties with regard to the amount of toll be charged by them from vehicle owners;

(c) whether toll proposed to be levied in perpatuity means that toll will not be stopped even when private parties have recovered their cost;

(d) whether Government have taken in consideration the impact the toll will have on prices of commodities; and

(c) if so, the details of the assessment made?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKAT-RAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The toll rates would be - decided by the Government.

(c) In the case of projects taken up under Build, Operate and Transfer Scheme, when the concessing period ex-pires, tnc facility will revert to Government and the Government will thereafter continue to collect the toll in perpetuity for use in further National Highway Development.

(d) and (e) The tolls would generally be a fraction of the benefits that would accrue to the road user through improved roads. Hence, no adverse impact is expected on the overall prices of the commodities.

गुजरात की लम्बित सड़क परियोजनाएं

†169. **श्री चीमन भाई हरीभाई शुक्ला :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहरन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्र सरकार की मंजूरी के लिए लम्बित पड़ी गुजरात की सड़क परियोजनाओं का अद्यतन ब्यौरा क्या हैं ;

(ख) ये परियोजनाएं कब से लम्बित पड़ी हैं;

(ग) उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने इन लम्बित परियोजना- ओं को शीघ्र मंजूरी देने के लिए अनुरोध किया हैं; और

(ड) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं/उठाए जाने का विचार हैं ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री टी.जी. वेंकटरा-मन) : (क) वार्षिक योजना 1996-97 में शामिल 16 कार्यों के लिए गुजरात सरकार से अनुमान प्राप्त हुए थे ।

(ख) से (ड़) 12 कार्यों को पहले ही स्वीकृति दी जा चुकी हैं । चार कार्यों की संवीक्षा की जा रही हैं ।

Isolated Policy of India in World Affairs

*170. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has lately been getting isolated in various world bodies and international conferences such as UN, WTO, CTBT;

(b) the specific issues on whi fa India found itself so isolated in the various world fora and in what circumstances,